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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1723

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Examiner: K. Menon

Serial No.: 09/856,460

Filed: August 7, 2001

For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR FILTERING A METAL LIQUID
ON A BED OF REFRACTORY PARTICULATE MATERIAL

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Cancel the abstract and insert the new abstract appended
hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow, and in
the attached appendix:

1. (Twice Amended) A filtration method for liquid metal
comprising passing said liquid metal through a bed of
refractory particulate material formed from grains having an
open porosity between 5 and 30%.

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